

OUR TOWN

A Digital Newsletter from the Town of Dover, MA



Welcome to the November Issue of OUR TOWN

As we head towards the holidays, town committees and department's are still busy working on projects and events for the Town. With gatherings both indoors (the DS High School play 'Radium Girls', COA's Thanksgiving meal, and Gingerbread house making) and the outdoors, (a guided walk and Turkey Bowl) there is something for everyone! We also have updates on the Community Center Project and information on how you can recycle this season and lots more!



If you are part of a Town board/committee/commission and would like to submit content for the November issue, please contact
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Board of Selectmen



Board of Selectmen Community Center Project Status

At the October 3rd and 6th Board of Selectmen meeting the Board met with the OPM, Caryl Community Center Building Committee, and listened to feedback from residents regarding the options available to move the project forward. The Board laid out the following timeline for the Community Center Project at their meeting on 10/6/22:



Timeline:

- November 2022 - Conduct and complete a Peer Review of the existing design
- December 2022 - Holiday pause
- January to May 2023 - Reopen, execute, and complete the rebid process
- June 3, 2023 - Hold a Special Town Meeting to approve funding, if necessary, for the Dover Community Center
- June 17 or 24 2023 - Conduct a Town election to approve funding, if necessary, for the Dover Community Center.

To ensure that you get current information please sign up on the website for regular updates via this link: <https://www.doverma.gov/list.aspx> and follow the instructions at the top of the page. You can also call the BOS Office and provide us with your email address so that we can add you to this list.

Meet the Team!

Each month we highlight a member of our team, what they do, and what projects they're working on. This month we'd like to introduce you to Bethany Klem, Library Director of the Dover Town Library.

Bethany started her new position in July and comes to Dover from her role as head of children's services at the Bedford Free Public Library and incoming president of the New England Library Association.

She began her library career at Wellesley College, followed by additional roles in Saugus and Needham.

Bethany shared, "The 21st century library is so much more than the books... it's also a place for connections, collaborations, and creation. Dover Town Library stands out for its willingness to adapt to evolving expectations for public spaces. I'm delighted to continue this legacy of innovation and local engagement."

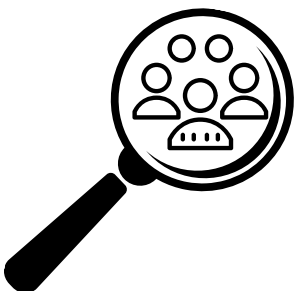
Positions available for Membership Size Study Committee

Positions are currently available on the Board of Selectmen Membership Size Study Committee (as voted by 2022 Annual Town Meeting Article 28).

Read more about the committee's charge [here](#).

Residents who wish to apply should send a letter of interest to Mona DiSciullo at mdisciullo@doverma.gov.

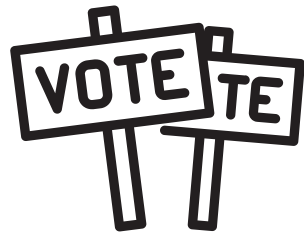
Not your cup of tea? We have plenty of other volunteer position vacancies! To find out more about other opportunities please visit Dover's [dedicated volunteer opportunities page](#).





Election Day is Tuesday, November 8, 2022

- Election Day Polling Hours: 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. at the Dover Town House, 5 Springdale Ave.
- Early voting is still available until 1pm on Friday Nov. 4
- Check out the [Town Clerk's page](#) for all of your voting information.



Police

Meet the team - Officer Kolodziejczyk

Officer Kolodziejczyk has been with the Dover Police Department since 2015. She was appointed as the School Resource Officer in 2020. Her duties include handling all juvenile cases that arise in the Dover-Sherborn school district. Officer Kolodziejczyk also teaches the DARE curriculum to 5th grade classes. She enjoys being the liaison between the school system and the police department.



Female police officer in classroom with pupils

Schools

Chickering

School is in full swing at Chickering! Parent/Teacher conferences have been underway through October. These meetings provide an opportunity for families and teachers to work together to support our students as they navigate the academic, emotional and social learning at school and home.

Highlights in October included Picture Day, International Night and an all school assembly coordinated by the DS Arts Homecoming where DS alumni who are working in the Arts return to all the Dover and Sherborn schools to share their talents. We celebrated with Jason LeVasseur, DS 1989. Hosted by PTO, International Night was open to all. We celebrated countries and traditions from all over the world with food, games, dance and song.

International Night at Chickering



Woman behind table with group of children gathered around

Woman passing item to child over table

Schools cont.

DS Drama - High School Fall Play

This fascinating story, based on true events, tells the tale of heartbreak and perseverance that eventually impacted the world we live in today. Do you dare learn the true secrets of the past? Radium Girls features a wide range of actors from all four High School grades, including Miranda Savla as the title character, and Grace Fryer and Ashen Schultz as the head of the Radium Corporation, Arthur Roeder. The drama is directed by Carmel Bergeron. It opens at Dover-Sherborn High School on Nov 3rd at 6:30 PM, Nov 4th and 5th at 7 PM. Tickets can be purchased online at www.ticketstage.com or at the door.

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High School Athletics



Golfer swinging club over left shoulder

BEN SCHROEDER OCTOBER STUDENT ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

Bring your voice, your support and your Thanksgiving guests and cheer on our Varsity Football team!

Thursday November 24th - 10am

Medfield High School

Click here for information.

<https://www.arbiterlive.com/Teams/Game/71220824/6096/7653357/51>

Check out the final results for High School Athletics here.

<https://www.arbiterlive.com/Teams?entityId=6096>

Winter sports will begin soon and you can still come along to cheer on Dover's teams!

Click here for information.

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Council on Aging

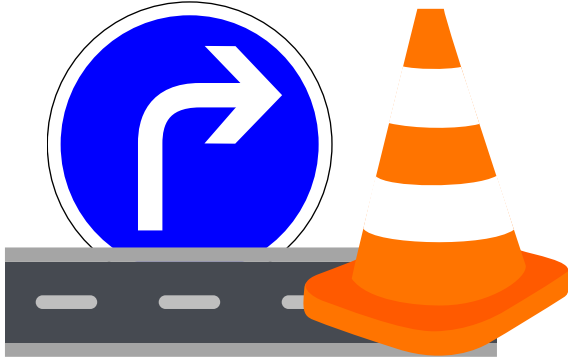


There's just two many offerings this month, read about the other offerings in their newsletter:

<https://doverma.gov/297/COA-Newsletter>

COA Thanksgiving Luncheon

Tuesday, November 15, 12:30pm, The Dover Church, 17 Springdale Ave. Cost: \$5, FREE for Veterans. Gather with the COA to enjoy a Thanksgiving feast and give thanks for good food, good friends, and a great community.



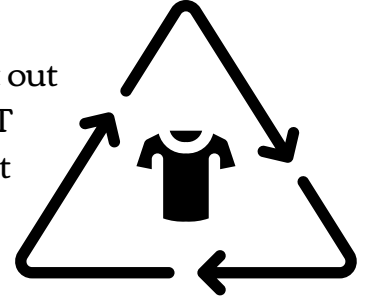
Talk with the Town: Dept of Public Works

Friday, November 18, 10-11am, Dover Legion, 32 Dedham St. Meet Dover's Director of Public Works, Kevin McCabe, and learn about the areas included in the DPW as well as updates on projects, including Claybrook Rd and Centre St. There will be plenty of opportunities for questions and comments. Coffee and light refreshments provided.

Recycling Committee

Textile Recycling

Don't put your textiles in the trash! -New state rules require textiles be kept out of the trash so they can be recycled or donated for reuse. Used textiles **MUST BE BAGGED** and in good condition before placing them in the textile bins at the Transfer Station or the Middle and High Schools.



Dover Urges Food Waste Recycling

With the arrival of the holiday season the Dover Recycling Committee encourages all households to participate in the collection of food waste at the Transfer Station. Food must be bagged and deposited into the food waste barrels next to the compost area.

- ALL food waste including turkey carcasses, egg shells, all bones, fruits and vegetables may be included. It is preferable to dispose pumpkins in the yard waste area for composting. Items that are **NOT** acceptable are recyclables, cooking oil, yard waste, boxes, cups and cartons.
- The program is available to all residents with a **RED** transfer station sticker which is available at the Transfer Station or Town Garage.

The food waste is transported weekly to an anaerobic digester to be converted to biogas. According to the MassDEP, food waste is 25 percent of trash by weight. The town's goal is to turn this waste into a renewable energy source.



Parks and Recreation



2nd annual

Dover PARKS & RECREATION

FLAG FOOTBALL TURKEY BOWL!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD
11:15AM - 1:15PM

Two separate age groups:
K - 2ND GRADE and 3RD - 5TH GRADE

\$25 / player

There are a limited number of player spaces available,
and **pre-registration is REQUIRED...**

doverrec.activityreg.com

Selection of photographs of children playing flag football

To play in this fun, early release day event, visit: <https://doverrec.activityreg.com> beginning WEDNESDAY 10/26 @ 10am!

Any High School students interested in Assistant Coaching can apply by emailing: ndicicco@doverma.gov!

Open Space Committee

This Month's Guided Walk

November 12th - Blake Reservation (DLCT)

- Walk is free but pre-registration is required.
- Meeting and parking information will be emailed to participants on Friday morning and again early on Saturday before the strolls.
- Walks will be guided, socially distanced, and masked. They won't be too strenuous but will be over uneven and possibly wet ground so wear appropriate footwear and bring walking sticks, binoculars and cameras. Polite dogs on leash welcome. We will stroll in misty rain to shine.

Click here to register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2nd-saturday-stroll-in-blake-reservation-tickets-300163817057?aff=odcleoeventsincollection>





Gingerbread House Making

3 SESSIONS

TUESDAY, DEC. 6TH 3:30-4:30PM
THURSDAY, DEC. 8TH 3:30-4:30PM
SATURDAY, DEC. 10TH 2:00-3:00PM

Join us to create your own festive Gingerbread House. Starting with a milk carton, use graham crackers, icing, and candy to decorate a house to your heart's content. All supplies provided. This program is best for children ages 3+.

SPACE LIMITED,
REGISTER ON THE LIBRARY WEBSITE

For information on this and other programs and events at the Dover Library for Adults, Teens and Kids [CLICK HERE](#)



Homemade gingerbread houses

Join us to create your own festive Gingerbread House! Starting with a milk carton, use graham crackers, icing, and candy to decorate a house to your heart's content. All supplies provided. This program is best for children ages 3+. We will be running three separate sessions - Tuesday December 6th, Thursday December 8th, and Saturday, December 10th. Registration is required, and will be available November 15

Board of Health

BOH holds Successful Flu and COVID Vaccine Clinic

The Board of Health held a drive-up flu and COVID vaccine clinic on Friday, October 28 at the Town Garage that went very smoothly. We gave slightly more than 300 vaccinations to 210 people. There weren't any significant traffic delays. We had a lot of generous and willing help from a number of people/departments in the Town. Thank you to all the participants, staff, and volunteers!

Free COVID-19 rapid test kits are available in the Board of Health office Monday-Thursday 9 AM-3 PM for Dover residents.

Did you know the Town has a COVID-19 page? [Click here](#) for the most up-to-date COVID-19 news from the Board of Health.





Groups of women celebrating and learning about Diwali



Dover Council on Aging celebrated Diwali, India's Festival of Lights, symbolizing good over evil. Seniors learned the story of Diwali and were treated to a gorgeous classical dance from a student of the Triveni School of Dance in Brookline. Happy Diwali! Thank you to the organizing committee - Sampath Mehta, Rama Bansil, Indu Pandey, and Savita Shukla.

November Quick Links

- ➔ The Town is hiring a Management Analyst, Town Planner and Assessor Clerk. Know anyone qualified? Click 'learn more' for application details.
- ➔ November 8 is Election Day. Get all of your voting information on the Town Clerk's webpage.
- ➔ Interested in serving on a volunteer board/committee/commission? Click to learn about the process and vacant positions.
- ➔ Learn about the new Water Restriction Bylaw and Water Restriction Enforcement Bylaw Policy.

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by November 15.

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